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## AN I. W. W. NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION OF TEXTILE WORKERS ORGANIZED

### AN INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION OF TEXTILE WORKERS FORMED.

Twenty-two delegates, representing textile workers of the I. W. W., were in attendance at the convention called by the General Executive Board of the I. W. W. for the purpose of forming a National Industrial Union. A delegation of the United Brotherhood of Tailors, an organization of about 3,000 clothing workers organized in 18 unions, was also present, at the suggestion of the G. E. B. of the Industrial Workers of the World. On May 1st a great May Day celebration was held in the convention hall at which the delegates were the speakers.

General Executive Board Member B. H. Williams sends in a brief report: "The Textile Workers' Convention was in session at Paterson Friday,

Saturday and Sunday. The convention finished its labor and a constitution has been adopted. I assisted the committee on constitution and we made some necessary modifications of the model you sent us, especially in regard to emphasizing the subordination of the National Industrial Union to the General Administration of the I. W. W. In my opinion it is a good constitution. The three G. E. B. members, Katz, Yates and Williams, were appointed a press committee to prepare report for Bulletin. F. Miller was secretary of the convention, and a typewritten report of the proceedings and the constitution will be forwarded for publication in the Bulletin."

Now that another part of the construction work has been accomplished, let every volunteer of the I. W. W. bend his efforts to make the convention of wood and lumber workers, to be held in August, a success. Organize and educate the working class to attain their industrial freedom.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Anyone who can spare a copy of the Bulletin of February 29th, 1908, and of April 11th, 1908, is kindly requested to mail them to Albert Simpson, 1811 Oakley Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Local Union No. 173 wishes to announce that all orders for Japanese leaflets addressed to "Wage Workers" should be sent to I. W. W. Headquarters, 158 5th St., San Francisco, Calif.

### MORE ABOUT THAT NATIONAL SCAB-CRAFT UNION OF MUSICIANS.

Last week the "Bulletin" had a short notice that a "few" are trying to organize a National Union of Theatrical Musicians in New York City, evidently for the sole object of turning that organization into a strike-breakers recruiting agency, as soon as the impending conflict with the various craft unions organized in the theatrical profession would start. The theatrical managers have learned enough, in their dealings with the craft union leaders, that it would work an irreparable injury if they were to declare an open war on organized labor, and they are too many who, led by a glorious though misguided instinctive feeling of solidarity, would take sides with the struggling toilers. But the managers had also learned, through the connections with the "leaders" of the craft union movement, that the issue can easily be belittled, and workers led astray by putting up a pretext that the fight "is merely a jurisdictional squabble" between unions, and the employers were only the suffering victims of these fratricidal fights, "that they would do all in their power to show their unselfish love and friendship for organized labor, as could be judged by their enlisting of members of another craft union of professional theatrical musicians"—and so forth.

A great howl may be raised in the camp of the American Federation Scab-Union luminaries, but they will be silenced by the inevitable, and in order to get the dues they will even consent to grant a National Union charter to musicians playing in shows and concert halls, and another charter, if necessary, to a National Union of Organ Grinders, another to a National Brotherhood of Labor Day Parade Musicians, another to a National Union of Dance Music Players, and so at random.

But, then, watching the harmonious play by the dimensions of the drum a special convention of the American Federation of Labor, might have to give a decree—rendered by the highest tribunal in the labor movement—whether the drum beater belongs to the "Theatrical Musicians" profession, or to the "National Union of Musicians" for Republican Party Street Parades, or whether the "National Union of Circus Band Musicians" should not be compelled to surrender jurisdiction over part of its membership to the "National Union of Public Parade Musicians."

Chickens come home to roost! The division of the forces of labor has always been promoted by the Civic Federationized institution misnamed the American Federation of Labor, for the sole benefit of the employing class; there is nothing strange in the procedure instituted at the behest of the managers of the New York show houses; as the Actors have their own National Union, and the Theatrical Stage Hands are organized in "any other National Union" as they are today, and the Engineers and Firemen in the theatres swear allegiance to two other separate national craft unions, why should not the Musicians, playing in theatres, have the right to protect their craft interests

through a distinct craft organization? Mutual scabbery is forgiven among friends—the evil results don't concern the few—who are safe today; after us, the deluge!"

We wonder only whether Mr. Wade Shurtleff is not one of the promoters? The circular of the "National Union of Theatrical Musicians" is herewith reproduced:

**NATIONAL UNION OF THEATRICAL MUSICIANS.**  
Temporary Headquarters for Greater New York  
Entire Second Floor, 1435 Broadway.  
New York City, March 31, 1908.

Dear Sir:—  
Are you a competent musician?  
Have you an engagement for next season?

If not would you like one, not only for next season, but for the next five seasons, guaranteed to be not less than thirty weeks each season, under the same conditions, and at the same wages that are now being paid the musicians throughout Greater New York.

The National Union of Theatrical Musicians have contracted with the Association of Theatrical Managers of Greater New York to supply the musical profession in general to establish a rate of prices to be charged by the members of the said Society for their professional services, the promotion of good feeling and friendly intercourse among the members of the musical profession, and to furnish aid and relief to its members and their families.

Only the Industrial Workers of the World have sounded the note of warning to those who may be misled by the alluring promises held out in that circular. Always on the alert, the Industrial Workers of New York have made preparations to inform all musicians of the trap laid for them in the following circular letter sent out to the musicians organized in the Industrial Workers of the World.

**MANHATTAN MUSICIANS' UNION.**  
New York, April 14th, 1908.  
Branch 1, L. 522, I. W. W.  
Fellow-Workers:—  
News reached this Council that a so-called "Nat'l Union of Theatrical Musicians" was organized by the Theatrical Managers of this city. Also that this move was made for the purpose of having a battalion of scabs ready, in case the strike takes place in the show and concert houses.

The Industrial District Council desires to inform your body of this fake move to mislead the wage workers, and further, to urge you to take such steps as necessary in order that all your members have this information and receive instructions to keep away from this trap, set up to demoralize the spirit of solidarity amongst the members of the working class.

For the N. Y. Ind'l District Council. A. J. FRANCIS, Secy. 44 W. 26th St.

The concluding words, to "keep away from the trap, set up to demoralize the spirit of solidarity amongst the members of the working class," express the full program of the I. W. W. in our endeavor to spoil the cunning game of the capitalists.

**The Practical Value of Literature.**  
OR THE HISTORY OF A LEAFLET.

One of those active workers, with a system worked out to perfection, who always carries some leaflets in his pocket, handed a few to a fellow worker whom he met on his way home from a hard day of toil.

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## DOWN WITH GOMPERISM

By COVINGTON HALL

Scared nearly to death by a rapidly awakening rank and file; panic-stricken by the rapid growth of the Industrial Workers of the World, Sam Gompers, John Mitchell & Company have decided to go into politics. Having tried the game of capitalism on the industrial field, and having been whipped to face with discredit and defeat, are rushing to the last refuge of fakery, and hope, by raising a cry for political action, to defer yet a little while their downfall. Loudly they boast and lyingly that there are 2,500,000 voters enrolled in the American Separation of Labor, when, as a matter of fact, they have not, all told, men, women and children, anything like that number enrolled in their stringhalted and dying organization. Not satisfied with this brazen boast, they also boast of the immense number of votes they can influence, when in truth Sam Gompers and his crew can't control their own personal ballots.

But even let us admit that they have 2,500,000 votes that Pope Gompers can vote like cattle; let us further admit that the great body of the common people, beholding the wonderful victories that have been won on the industrial fields during the last five years by the splendid and daring tactics of the Gompersites, are so spellbound with admiration that they will fall over each other to follow wheresoever the Pope may lead, when the "victory" will have been won, what will have been gained? Nothing—nothing—nothing.

Nothing; for supporting the capitalist system of production, Gompersism must of a necessity fall as miserably politically as it has industrially.

It must fail, because, in the first place, its so-called organization is inherently wrong. Based on craft autonomy, while production today is carried by an industrial unit, it has and can have no solidarity anywhere, industrially or politically.

Every craft is the enemy of every other craft. Each stands on its own little island, with its own little "sacred cord" crowding lustily while its "brother" in the same line of industry is being done up brown and to a finish by the class-conscious and united capitalists, forgetful of the fact that on tomorrow it will meet the self-same fate.

Not musing and at noon he spoke about this new union to his comrades. The evening found them on the porch of his landlord's house, arguing the matter over from all sides. Our friend was instructed to write to headquarters for more literature and samples of The Industrial Union Bulletin. Upon receipt of same he passed them around, got together his friends again, and it did not take long for them to agree to send for a share, which arrived in due time. Fortunately, no "hair-splitter" was amongst them who would see a great danger confronting the working class at large and the new union in particular by having a few words in the preamble referring to the ballot box, hence their efforts to put the new local on a solid foundation bore fruit. A few weeks later one of the regular volunteer organizers (this term may seem contradictory, but that organizer works regularly and volunteers his services, hence he is a regular volunteer; but I'd better state right here, it's not a correct expression in order to avoid a resolution of censure being passed for seeking a job which no one but myself can see) paid them a visit. Result, a solid organization, a wider and more comprehensive understanding of Industrial Unionism; a big lot of literature disposed of and a good hoop of new readers to The Industrial Union Bulletin, and more members. After he left them for new fields of activity they continued the practical work of keeping up the propaganda for Industrial Unionism, educating their own members and preparing for a threatened conflict with their masters. So well did those workers do the job that the bosses decided to postpone a contemplated reduction in wages and a longer workday a few months later. 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to gratification all having different axes to grind to suit their purposes. Here is one of the many little special privileged grafts: On all the wage schedules the rates of pay are figured on both mileage and hour basis. Say, for instance, on short runs of say sixty miles the driver's rate of pay is paid 100 miles one way and actual mileage and terminal switching returning, detention to be paid on ten mile per hour basis. Now, we will say, for instance, a passenger train is carded for say sixty miles at the rate of ten miles per hour, detention attending to engine, etc. That figured at say 4 cents per mile and 40 cents per hour 100x60 miles = 160 miles at 4 cents = \$6.40. Three times detention at the rate of ten miles per hour, he works about twelve actual hours and receives \$15.20. A drag crew working on a ten-mile per hour basis makes 70 miles for continuous twenty-four hours at 4 cents = \$2.80. Then you wonder why the passenger engineer wants to do all the committee work and why he always attends the meetings and wants you drag men to be prompt in paying the bills. Why? Because he gets his money's worth of brotherhood, don't he? Well, yes. He ain't advocating quick dispatch or rest for the drag men; he don't need to worry about that. He ain't advocating no strike when he can make \$15.20 and only work one-half the hours that engineer on a drag would have to work to make \$9.60.

To our railway magnates, presidents, board of directors and such like heavy relaxation dope peddlers, we say: You have got to get out of the shop out of the United States for Uncle Sam's people to hock and separate themselves from their real estate, improvements, chattels, watches, jewelry and old hocks. I want to say that the people are wise to your skin game. You are charging more than legal interest for value received and the debt will most likely be repudiated and paid by the government.

And you, you official staff of railway grafting politicians, if you cannot make good in the quick dispatch system you had better take to the tall timber, for the people will squeeze the graft out of you and you will be left with nothing. You can't be able to see a long shadow of yourself with a magnifying glass. To you, Mr. Tin-horn Master Mechanic, and you, bud Round House Foreman, the jig is up with you. You are taking on more of the responsibilities any more upon the road men on account of your incapacity to keep the engines from falling down on the road and not able to cut the mustard. To you, Mr. Labor Union Secretary, Senator hats and Prince Albert coats won't fit you when you lose your fat job, wining and dining, lounging and swaggering around, playing the confidence game between honest workmen and grafting politicians. Your jobs of precipitating strikes, harassing, intermeddling and blacklisting honest workmen will soon be finished. Its time, I. W. W. for ours. We are tired of paying fat salaries to you and your little old huss sense for ours after this. Your pace is just a trifle too strenuous for us drag men. We are weary of hiking all over the country looking for a job, doing like I would like to. We kind of feel like if we would like to get acquainted with our families once in a while. We grant you that honor and principle has been sidetracked for quite a while, and that graft and that misery and starvation is now following up in its wake, and that you, like Nero, who fiddled while Rome fell, are having a good time. But take warning, you labor racketeers, you fellows who have faked and prostituted of honor and principles! Man is not mightier than his creator. Your finish is near, die, and that right quickly, from the stench of its own rottenness.

ANOTHER ENGINEER

**Reconstruction Necessary.**

BY J. L. BAUCK.

Fellow-workmen: In the course of human events has it not become necessary that we make an effort to free ourselves of the burdensome yoke of wage-slavery, that is becoming less and less endurable day by day?

One hundred and fifty-five years ago our forefathers fought for freedom, life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness but through the current of reactionary political policies and plans these privileges are drifting farther and farther away from the industrial age. Our condition today almost identical if not worse than at that time. Reconstruction in my estimation has become absolutely necessary for the protection of the wage-earning class in the coming industrial age. Reconstruction must be made through organization, both economically and industrially arranged.

Our forefathers fought for independence from foreign monarchial rule, and we must fight for freedom from home capitalist rule. They won a glorious victory with a comparatively handful of men, and under great disadvantage, hardships, and blood-shed. We can win a more glorious victory than they, for our numbers are not going to be a drop of blood-shed; all that is necessary is to organize in one solid army, and we have one of the cheapest and most modern weapons of defense in the industrial age, the I. W. W. of the World, and the most compact and effective ammunition obtainable, the Principle to the Constitution as a weapon of defense, and also a banner that every man, woman or child will carry over the whole world today, and after the victory has been triumphantly gained it will be the motto "Labor is Jefferson all it produces."

On October 23, 1907, at the Jefferson Mfg. plant at Columbus, O., ten I. W. W. men walked out for no other reason than that the company would make no reply to the demands made by Local No. 100.

W. W., asking the abrogation of a few arbitrary rules made by the company, which were not only obnoxious to I. W. W. men, but every employee in the plant. Therefore it was no more than what any worker would do. The men resolved to better the conditions of all employed in that plant. They failed because solidarity had not been developed sufficiently strong, too many hesitated. But have those remaining at the mine any way bettered their conditions? No instead they increased the benefits reaped by the Boss, and the impoverishment of themselves and also the ten men who walked out of the mine being one of the above ten victims could be the cause of the strike that city due to the internal black list system, and also the panic coming on. concluded to take a run down into West Virginia coal fields, and seek employment there. And also education in the labor movement in that industry. I received more education than employment.

I found there a set of victimized wage slaves both foreign and American, and with their conditions, but apparently afraid to make any retaliation in their own behalf, due principally to the procedure, betrayals, and wrong methods of the A. F. of L. in the past. It was not until the men were conspired to be at the mouth of the mine at 7 o'clock a. m., and are not allowed to shoot where shooting is done until 5 o'clock p. m., thereby keeping them all day in the mine and depriving them of sleep, that the workers found in one instance where they were working 400 feet ahead of the last air-course, which is strictly against the laws of the state. So one can imagine the disagreeableness of breathing the air for ten hours. And what can they do? The laws that are supposedly for their protection are never enforced, but if they come out on the so-called strike and undertake to protect their jobs, the proprietors are ready to resume the strike, and they get it either through the state militia or government troops and the law is enforced against the miners to hold them in obedience to capitalist law.

One man refused to return to the small mine where about 50 or 60 men were employed, they were called out on account of a runaway train of loaded cars tearing down the tiple, and which would take about 30 days to rebuild and the men refused to return again. They immediately closed their company store against the men, compelling them thereby to hunt other jobs that they might get something to eat.

This kind of procedure causes the workers to remain passive, evolutionary, and when a class of people become revolutionary their energies and efforts are soon directed it is always for reconstruction of society at large. Therefore the workers must be educated to give their co-operation to the I. W. W. in helping to reconstruct society, and build up the economic organization of labor, which has set as its highest and ultimate object the control of industry in the interests of the producers alone.

Canal Winchester, O.

### Education.

BY E. S. EGERTON.

Nevertheless it may seem to be anomalous, though it is not, that the workers, who are the basis of the movement, are generally accepted as truth when a simpler one will be rejected. Otherwise the leaders of the blind would not—through thousands upon thousands of generations—have succeeded in leading the masses and found themselves under whatever the conditions that it had ever been exploited of the fruits of its labor.

The expounders of dogmas, whether of an economic nature or not, using mysticism for a foundation, mysticism founded the race as a whole and prevented it from exercising its function of reason. Hence, in presenting for consideration the extremely simple problem of Industrial Unionism an anecdote of handicapped and the more difficult he finds it to impress the average being, who has for centuries believed that only those supposedly learned in the complex to be the leaders of his kind. Therefore the supreme need of this journal is to educate the workers to the truth in clear and forceful words, to the end, that they may unconfound the race from its errors and teach it the beneficence of the only form of organization that can possibly relieve it from its ills.

From the premises assumed recognition should be given to the fact, that to educate skeptics in the tenets of Industrial Unionism and to induce them to take the necessary steps in a process requiring patience and persistence, and that those who undertake the task can neither be harried nor hurried if they are to succeed in their missions. Therefore when an organizer is sent out to educate the workers he should be found to enable him to remain long enough therein to thoroughly organize a local and to educate one or more fellow workers who can take up its burden and keep the local intact. The organizers should be the most capable workers, be sufficiently educated to make the I. W. W. an effective force.

Under present conditions it is criminal to cry go slow. But our pace must be accelerated until an impetus be given our movement. One properly organized local will tend to give the impetus more than an hundred imperfectly organized bodies. Hence, while the workers grow faster in a process of educational purposes, would it not be equally wise to concentrate our efforts in a few industrial centers and construct invincible organizations, which as educational factors would beneficially educate the workers to the possibility of accomplishment, as well as acting as inspirations to our organizers and educators?

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This is a short synopsis of the thirty-five minutes' address. The last words of Fellow-worker Trautmann were drowned by applause—he had touched a responsive chord. Another fellow-worker, who deserves mention, made a good address in Yiddish. He pointed out that the workers' cannot achieve anything by organizing into isolated groups here and there, or everywhere; that matter, that they must be welded together more than a spirit of solidarity; that by an organization enabling them to act as a unit whenever it is required. He fairly bids to become a rival of the "Ghetto" orator in this noble speaker and he favors industrial unionism. The audience, after listening patiently to two more law-  
yers, went home, glad to have come.

Fellow-worker Trautmann also left a great deal to be desired. The address of Bakery Workers the same night.

**"PROPAGANDA NOTER."**

**STRATEGY AND "HOT AIR"**

The labor movement has need for strategy. It must learn the weak points of its enemies, and when to strike at them. And vice versa, it must learn its own weak points, and when to parry the blows directed against them. A strategic defect of the labor movement is its love of discussion. It likes to "chew the rag" upon every conceivable subject affecting or likely to affect the labor movement.

Consequently, all that some intellectual Moses has to do is to start discussion, and, presto! organization is completely forgotten, while debate becomes an uncontrollable obsession.

It may be said as a truism that that section of the American labor movement which is constantly in the most "intellectual" ferment shows the most sterility, and the least permanent influence. The small division of the American labor movement that has been keenest in quib, sharpest in array, and most resourceful in argument, is steadily getting smaller, and is about to drop out of existence.

The cause of this decline, in spite of the most exquisite super-refinement of the intellect, is not far to seek. It lies in the fact that the labor movement arises from the need of who are not intellectuals, and can only be maintained in proportion to the satisfaction of those needs. Now, these peculiar intellectual discussions may satisfy a portion of those needs; they respond to the desire of those who are not intellectuals for mental stimuli; but they put no bread into a starving workingman's mouth; nor do they offer any hope of final emancipation, considering their pitiable results, and the chaos and disruption. The consequence is that workingmen avoid the elite, so-called, of their class; for they know that, if they ask these fine fellows for bread, all that they will get in return is some of their "hot air" that they have come to regard as their only "work" either coming or going, as their learned originators may desire. This may prove "a great intellectual triumph over ignorance," but Labor smiles cynically, because the "hot air" of its opponents says, louder than words, Fake, Fraud, Conceit and Deceit. Beware!

Since such is the fact, let us then hasten to restrain any tendency to "hot air" or "intellectualism" on the part of those fellows of infinite cuteness, but small actual results, to the waste heap; and let us insist to plans of organization. Let the fellow-workers at the local meetings and in the newspapers, come to arrangements for quiet meetings, or to spread I. W. W. propaganda. Let them tell us what street meetings can be held, and where, with the prospective results. Get out among the workers, and don't worry your convictions with those; not with those who fundamentally agree with you, and whom you can only repel on non-essentials, as is done through unending discussion.

And when you feel impelled to write your official organ, made your letter one full of items of working class life; rather than abstruse philosophy. Such letters, full of "hot air" to the country, are of vital interest to the laborer more interested in the doings of its class than it is in the intellectual problems of its self-appointed leaders. These Labor will settle in its own way, in its own good time.

In a word:  
**Cut out "hot air."**  
**To work!**  
In work alone are we impregnable!  
J. EBERT.

**The Industrial Union Bulletin.**

**TO ACTIVE WORKERS OF THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE I. W. W.**

After receiving a subscription from a workman, don't carry it in your pocket for some time, but send it on as soon as possible; it will avoid complaint on both ends of the line.

A literary agent who is wise will not permit leaflets and I. U. B.'s to lay around at headquarters, but will convince his fellow workers that literature is printed for the purpose of being read. He will urge the workers to read it. He will enlist their co-operation for a systematic distribution at the proper time and place; he will keep a list of all subscribers to the I. U. B.—such list comes in handy, quite often, for getting the best of the best of the I. U. B. to give him their names and addresses.

We trust that the "wise" one will not feel offended by offering the suggestion that the "new" one will give them a trial.

The workers need education along the right lines, and every little bit added to what he's got makes just a little bit more. We don't want to see the workers go to battle successfully against our cunning masters.

Did we hear some one say "That's enough!"  
All right. More next week.

**THE NEW WAY.**

Lives of great men all remind us  
If we go in for brave deeds.  
We'll win out, and leave behind us  
Smaller rascals doing time.

## AMONG THE WORKERS IN THE FIELD, MINES AND FACTORIES

### EIGHT WEEKS' WORK IN SPOKANE.

As national organizer, I have completed eight weeks' work in the city of Spokane, and with the co-operation of the local workers we have accomplished some good. Of course, many might think that "something" should be accomplished in that length of time, but even eight weeks is a very short time to accomplish any great thing in organizing the working class.

However, I shall give the readers of The Bulletin a few paragraphs as to what we have done, and which will probably be of great interest to many of the membership who are interested in the work. CONSTRUCTIVE work, rather than "ball playing" with printers' ink.

Spokane is a city of something like sixty thousand, but it becomes an important center in our movement because of its geographical location, which makes it the hub of a great industrial district. This city must necessarily be well under way for a complete industrial organization, before effective and lasting work can be accomplished in the smaller places which are numerous in the outlying district. In the past eight weeks' work we have made a start toward that end, and on the co-operation of the fellow workers here, coupled with constructive work, will prove whether we shall reach our goal or not. It goes without saying, that the hardest steps have been taken and that in another month or so the organization will be taking on a real industrial form, as it moves from a mass organization, to one of integral working parts.

A great amount of propaganda has been carried on in the city and during the past eight weeks we have added 50 more meetings to the list, besides the goodly sales of literature, as well as the cash disposal of about 300 Bulletins each week. We tried a new proposition here, in selling the Bulletin, in that we reduced the price to one cent per copy, and it is proving exceedingly beneficial. It gives a large circulation to the paper and at one cent a copy many sympathizers as well as members buy five or ten copies for free distribution. The Bulletin only being four pages, and the times exceedingly hard in this country for cash, coupled with the fact that no more political papers are sold here by the W. W. Bulletin alone, appears rather small for five cents. The reduction in the sale price certainly has proven an excellent departure from the old five cent custom. The weekly bundle can be easily increased in May, no doubt, to 500 per week.

"Our thoughts are traitors, And oft times make us lose, The good we might win, By bearing to attempt."

An attempt on the part of all of the western cities, on the one cent plan, I believe, would double the circulation of The Bulletin and do an estimable amount of valuable propaganda work. It is difficult to get a good substantial list of permanent subscribers in this northwest country, when men are tramping around with their blankets, and a few Indian viduats subscriptions, however, can be hustled just as vigorously.

Since arriving here we have organized a local of Public Service Workers and a Serbian and Italian branch. We have taken in 300 new members, and the future is bright, provided constructive work is constantly the watchword. The future only can tell the rest of the story.

There is a great amount of work to be done here in Spokane, and still more of the same, when we take into consideration the great industrial district surrounding this city. I have practically completed arrangements for two lecture routes out of this city, which have been published in a previous issue of The Bulletin, and as soon as competent speakers can be secured the booking of them can be proceeded with. One route covers Northern Idaho, North-west Montana, Eastern British Columbia and Northeastern Washington, and it will occupy at least three weeks of a speaker's time to cover the same. It is so systematically arranged that the speaker need not miss a single night, or pay an enormously large sum for railroad fare to make long jumps. After a speaker has covered the above mentioned route, he can be transferred to another route for about three weeks, which will arrange out of Spokane, across Idaho and into Montana to Missoula, then back to Spokane via the Coeur d'Alene country. If the speaker can "deliver the goods" there is work on these two routes for a year.

We have constructive work now planned on the revolutionary program that will keep every man in the I. W. W. of Spokane busy for six months, and then there will be so much to do that no member will be able to stop. In accordance with the regulations of the Industrial Workers of the World, and since four unions are now in existence in this city and good prospects of one or two more, the month of May will see the establishing of an executive committee. This will begin to systematize the work in the unions, and as the mass organization gradually wanes the integral development will begin to present a real form.

Once the above mentioned work is under way, an effort will be made to hold a convention in this city to form a District Council covering all of the territory adjacent to Spokane. As to the future work on the lecture routes mentioned in this article, all correspondence should be addressed to James Wilson, 534 Washington St., Spokane, Wash.

During the eight weeks' work we have sent something like \$300 to headquarters, and the locals have bought

literature and other supplies of me to the amount of about \$265. They have paid the local organizer regularly, and cleared off all their back debt to headquarters. We have organized one union and two branches, taken 300 members or an average of 36 per week, and sold over 200 of the 50 cent buttons. My living expense has averaged \$7.97 per week, making a total expense to the organization of an average of \$25.97. This is not counting railroad fare, postage, etc. The receipts, while in Spokane, after wages and all expenses are deducted, leaves a balance to be remitted to headquarters.

J. H. WALSH, National Organizer.

### FROM ORGANIZER J. P. THOMPSON.

I addressed a Jewish literary society in Lowell; was given good attention and secured seven applications for Local Union 436. A very big crowd was present at the meeting in Lawrence. I addressed the meeting in English and Webster in Polish; afterward we secured enough names to make a total of 200 on the application list for a Polish branch. The meeting Sunday in the headquarters in Lowell last night was a dandy. It was a good sized hall, and it was packed to the doors. Workers were sitting in the windows, on the tables and standing deep behind the last row of seats. This is something new for Lowell and was very encouraging to the new members as well as to everybody else. Many of those present were members, but we secured twenty-one applications. I spoke in English, Webster in Polish, and another fellow worker spoke in Flemish.

April 14th. Enclosed find charter application for granite workers in Quincy, Mass. The make up of this local as regards languages spoken is as follows: One-half are Finnish, one-quarter Italian, while the other quarter is about equally divided between Swedish and English.

The meeting Sunday in Quincy was a dandy. The hall seats 500 and every seat was full, with about a hundred standing up. As you will see by the enclosed program, speeches were made in the different languages, while the Finnish band furnished music between each speech. We sold nineteen subscriptions to The Bulletin and took up a collection. A remarkable feature of the meeting was the fact that there were fully as many women as men in the hall. We expect to organize a Finnish servant girls' union in the near future. At the close of the meeting the band was compelled to play the "Marseillaise" over and over again before the crowd was satisfied.

The two meetings in Worcester, Sunday, April 19th, one in the open air and the other in a hall, were both well attended. The one in the Stafford Springs was held at a very inopportune time, as the whole town was celebrating the opening of a trolley line between here and Rockford. They had a great celebration, the town was dressed in its "glad rags," the governor was there and dealt out hot air, which helped some. The day was cold and it snowed most of the time. Every car on its arrival was greeted with the shrill of whistles and the boom of cannons. At night the fireworks were sent off, and the next day nearly every one had the "big head" and the town was full of peace and shells. And all because, as one fellow expressed it, "a street car was in town, by gosh!"

In spite of all this, our meeting was fairly well attended, mostly by members, however. I explained the principles and form of the organization to them, answered quite a number of questions and assisted the secretaries in getting their books properly started.

The meeting in Boston Friday night, at which we organized a branch of Metal and Machinery Workers' Industrial Union No. 56, was a dandy. The meeting started at 6 o'clock p. m. The men, ninety-two of them, and all employees of the Anderson Manufacturing Company, came from their work direct to the hall and remained there without their supper until 9 o'clock. They gave close attention as the principles of Industrial Unionism were explained to them, and at their request I read and explained the preamble and the whole constitution to them, and when they came to understand that the I. W. W. was really a working class organization, that its officers had no vote in its conventions, and that instead of dividing them up, with the machinists in one union, the helpers in another, the molders in another, and so on, they were to unite all in one union, making an injury to one an injury to all, they enthusiastically knew no bounds and the cheers were heard on Washington street, a half a block away. They voted unanimously to join the I. W. W., and then there elected officers, raised the money for the charter, and decided that each man getting over \$9 a week should pay a dollar, and those getting under \$9 should pay 50 cents initiation fee. They also decided what the dues should be and elected collectors for each floor of the shop, after which the meeting adjourned with three cheers for the Industrial Workers of the World.

The men in this shop recently had a good illustration of what Industrial Unionism can do for them. On April 15th the company sent each one of them the following letter (enclosed find letter) announcing a cut down of 10 per cent in wages, and asking each of them to sign it. When this letter was received the two or three I. W. W. men who work in the shop got the others together and told them that, if regardless of craft, they would all stand together and refuse to sign the letter, the company would very likely back down. To make a long story short, they all stood together, and the company backed down.

I would like to respectfully submit this little incident, as well as that of the "duck mill" in Lawrence, where they also recently raised a cent down to the earnest consideration of Mrs. Olive M. Johnson and other Utopians who may not immediately benefit can be gained through Industrial Unionism, and who would have us try to organize the working class by teaching what any slave with "brains enough to give him a head-ache" knows is not.

J. P. THOMPSON.

### From the Windy City on Lake Michigan.

Fellow Worker W. E. Trautmann, General Secretary, spoke before a union of Italian Building Constructors April 25th. Being in full accord with the principles, form and aims of the I. W. W., and also aware of the opposition awaiting them, they nevertheless decided to join in a body of 500 strong, with fair prospects of getting more to do likewise.

A few active workers are also anxious and willing to carry on the propaganda of industrial unionism amongst their countrymen working on the railroads.

One fellow worker, who had just returned from Italy, after an enforced vacation of four months, caused by the industrial depression in this country, in the discussion following the address hit the nail right on the head when he exclaimed:

"Workers of Italy say: American Federation of Labor is scab organization, because they don't want the 'backward' races to be put on equal footing with the free born Americans; we Italians are good enough for them when they appeal to us not to take their place when they are on strike, but then they give a kick to the 'dago,' when we ask them to help us in organizing the millions of Italians in America!"

### Bills of Organizers.

Under this caption we will publish every week the bills, as well as receipts of national organizers. This will avoid confusion and save answers to questions by members.

J. H. WALSH.

Week ending April 18—  
Salary (6 days).....\$18.00  
Hotel.....4.00  
Meals.....3.50  
Postage......25

Week ending April 25—  
Salary (6 days).....\$18.00  
Hotel.....4.00  
Meals.....3.50  
Postage......1.00

Total week ending April 18—\$26.05  
Total week ending April 25—26.70  
Received for sales of literature and buttons in week ending April 18—\$17.10

Received for sales of literature and buttons in week ending April 25, including \$30.00 received for railway fare from Local in Portland—\$53.25

### ORGANIZER J. P. THOMPSON.

Week ending April 18—  
Wages.....\$18.00  
Hotel.....4.50  
Meals.....3.75  
Mileage......2.50

Week ending April 25—  
Wages.....\$18.00  
Hotel.....4.50  
Meals.....3.75  
Mileage......31.00

Organized one union of metal workers and a union of "Granite Workers Industrial Union."

### Correspondence.

Patterson, N. J., April 19, 1908.

William E. Trautmann, General Secretary, I. W. W.: Dear Sir and Fellow Worker:—The Industrial Union Bulletin, issue of April 18th, contains a communication under the heading, "A Letter of Resignation." Well known to me, I am glad to see that the letter was written by Justus Ebert, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a former employee on the staff of the Daily People.

The editor of The Bulletin, or some one high in the confidence of the I. W. W., says that the letter of resignation will prove of general interest, and is published on that account.

To whom will the letter of resignation prove to be of general interest? Will it prove to be of interest to the portion of the working class who are organized in the I. W. W.? If the I. W. W. is not a political organization, how can the letter of resignation of a member of the S. L. P. interest the members of the movement? The letter may prove to be of general interest to the capitalist class and others who are enemies of the Socialist Labor Party and enemies of the I. W. W.

As a member of the I. W. W., and one who is not a member of either of the Socialist parties, I hold it my duty as a member of the I. W. W. to enter my protest against the action of the person or persons who are responsible for the publication of Brother Ebert's letter of resignation from the S. L. P.

When I tendered my resignation as a member of the Socialist party I did not ask permission to air my opinions in the official organ of the I. W. W. I was interested in the fact that Brother Ebert has left the S. L. P. any more than I am interested in the fact that William J. Bryan had gone over, hag and baggage to the Republican party.

I am a member of the I. W. W., and at present am in sympathy with the aims and objects of the S. L. P., but I am aware of the fact that my membership in the I. W. W. does not guarantee me the right to use The Bulletin as a means to attack the Socialist political movement. I hold that no person has a right to use The Bulletin as a means to drag the organization into a conflict with Socialists, or with any other persons with whom he may have a grievance.

The I. W. W. must not be used as a tail to the Socialist political kite, and we must not, and will not, allow it to be used as a trip-hammer to smash the Socialist political movement. If Brothers Justus Ebert, James Connolly, Patrick L. Quinlan, or any member of the I. W. W., has a grudge against any of the members of the S. L. P., let them raise their little red flag in the press of the Socialist party. Both wings of the Socialist political movement have stationary wash-tubs.

In concluding, I will say that I am firmly convinced that the time is ripe for the members of the General Executive Board to act and get a stop to the practice of members

using The Bulletin as a means to attack the Socialist Labor party, or the Socialist party.

If the members of the General Executive Board lack the courage to act, then let them resign their office and give the membership a chance to elect others who will take steps to stop the practice of certain members who are ever ready to use The Bulletin to wash Socialist political linen.

I believe the time has come for the rank and file to take a stand—to act and thus take steps to prevent the possibility of the I. W. W. again going through another struggle similar to the Charles O. Sherman affair. Therefore I suggest that this communication be published in The Bulletin.

Yours for a Socialist Industrial Republic, WILLIAM GLANZ.

419 River street, Paterson, N. J.

P. S.—Not able to speak for A. S. Edwards, who, as you know, has resigned, and whose services in that capacity have ceased with the issue of April 25th, we wish to state, in justice to him, that he pointed as justification for the publication of Ebert's letter of resignation, to the fact that the resignation of Ebert as editor of the Socialist Review was published also in The Bulletin, because that resignation was due to his attitude toward the I. W. W. As in Ebert's resignation he draws comparison with methods which, according to his reasoning, led to the castration of another body, which claimed to be an economic organization, the editor thought members of the I. W. W. were entitled to that enlightenment on that particular subject.

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B—is for Baer, the general coal thief;  
C—is for Capital, a system of plunder;  
D—is for Death of the system, by

E—is for Energy, by so many wasted;  
F—is for Freedom, by many ne'er tasted;  
G—is for Greed, very hard to surmount,  
with leaders like Gompers and Belmont.

H—is for Honesty, now almost unknown;  
But workers are uniting, money power to de throne;  
I—is for Idlers, who now rule the land;  
J—is for Judges, who obey their commands;

K—is for Kings of Finance, not a few;  
L—is for Laborers, and Liberty, too;  
M—is for Masters, for whom laborers toil;  
N—is for Nature, dethroned and spoiled;

O—is for Octopus trusts at your throat;  
P—is for Power, which they get from your vote;  
Q—is for Quackness in ending our woe;  
R—is for Robbery we seek to overthrow;

S—is for Socialism, which tyrants fear;  
T—is for Trusts, which are bringing it near;  
U—is for Union of all in the fight;  
V—is for Victory, already in sight;

W—is for Wealth, now held by the shirkers,  
Soon to be taken over by the Industrial workers;  
X—is for Xiphoid in the hands of the brute;  
Y—is for Yearning from all strife to be free;

Z—is for Zealous workers to expose all abuses,  
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